

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for providing a replaceable light source is described comprising the steps of: a) manufacturing a light source on a flexible substrate in a substantially two-dimensional configuration; b) shipping the light source in the
5 two-dimensional configuration; and c) flexing and removably placing the light source in a curved three dimensional configuration within a lighting fixture. The present invention has the advantage of providing a lighting apparatus having a light source that can be manufactured, shipped, and stored efficiently in a planar configuration, thereby saving considerable storage space while providing a three-
10 dimensional lighting source when in use. Another advantage is that the planar flexible light sources are not fragile and can be manufactured, packaged, shipped and stored in thin, unpadded packaging.